



Montgomery County Council

News Advisory

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COUNCIL SETS PUBLIC FORUM ON “PURPLE LINE” FOR OCTOBER 2

The Montgomery County Council today scheduled a public forum for October 2 to gain public input on the best alignment for the proposed “Purple Line” rail project, which would link the two separate branches of the current Red Line, as well as the Orange and Green Lines, with an east-west connector.

The forum will begin at 7:30 PM on Tuesday, October 2 at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville, 7th floor Council Chamber.

“We need the Purple Line to help relieve traffic congestion in the County by giving folks even more transportation options,” said Council President Blair Ewing. “We need to act soon to be in a position to gain the federal funding we need. And we need public input on the best alignment so we can get the most ‘bang’ for our transportation buck.”

The two alignments for the proposed Purple Line would serve two different markets in the County. The “Inner” line, estimated to cost \$1.4 billion, would run from Bethesda to Silver Spring to Langley Park to the University of Maryland and College Park to New Carrollton. The “Outer” line, which would cost \$3.8 billion, would begin at Rock Spring Park and run through Grosvenor, Wheaton, White Oak, and Greenbelt before also ending at New Carrollton.

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Residents wishing to testify at the hearing should call 240-777-7931. The meeting is open to all and will be broadcast live on County Cable Montgomery, channel 6.

When: Tuesday, October 2, 2001 7:30 PM

Where: County Council Building, 100 Maryland Avenue in Rockville, 7th Floor Council Chamber (unless otherwise indicated)

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